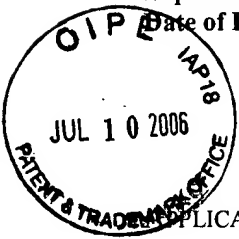


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APPLICANTS: Farmer, et al.  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the final Office Action mailed on January 19, 2006 in the above-identified application.

With the extension, this Response is due on or before July 19, 2006. A check in the amount of \$285.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the papers transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, (Reference No. 19374-501 NATL).

Respectfully submitted,

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